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A BIT OF PHILOSOPHY  
FROM  
**GRIGGSBY'S STATION**  
BY  
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Pap's got his patten-right, and rich as all creation;  
But where's the peace and comfort that we all had before?  
Let's go a-visitin' back to Griggsby's Station—  
Back where we ust to be so happy and so pore!

The likes of us a livin' here! It's jes' a mortal pity  
To see us in this great big house, with carpets  
on the stairs,  
And the pump right in the kitchen! And the city!  
city! city!—  
And nothin' but the city all around us ever'—  
wheres!

Let's go a-visitin' back to Griggsby's Station—  
Back where the latch-strings a-hangin' from  
the door,  
And ever' neighbor round the place is dear  
as a relation  
Back where we ust to be so happy and so pore!

## BRITISH BLOCKADE IS NOT DEFENSIBLE.

The United States, in its latest note to Great Britain, made public Monday, covering exhaustively British interference with American trade since the beginning of the European war, declares that the so-called blockade instituted by the allies against enemy countries on March 11, is "ineffective, illegal and indefensible." Notice is served that the American government "can't submit to the curtailment of its neutral rights" and it cannot "with complacency suffer further subordination of its rights and interests."

In conclusion, after an argument on the law and facts, Secretary Lansing says:

"I believe that it has been conclusively shown that the methods sought to be employed by Great Britain to obtain and use evidence of enemy destination of cargoes bound for neutral ports and to impose a contraband character upon such cargoes are without justification; that the blockade, upon which such methods are partly founded, is ineffective, illegal and indefensible; that the judicial procedure offered as a means of reparation for an international injury is inherently defective for the purpose and that in many cases jurisdiction is asserted in violation of the law of nations."

"The United States, therefore, cannot submit to the curtailment of its neutral rights by these measures, which are admittedly retaliatory and therefore illegal in conception and in nature, and intended to punish the enemies of Great Britain for alleged illegalities on their part. The United States might not be in a position to object to them if its interests and interests of all neutrals were unaffected by them, but, being affected, I cannot with complacency suffer further subordination of its rights and interests to the plea that the exceptional geographic position of the enemies of Great Britain require or justify oppressive and illegal practices."

"The government of the United States, desires, therefore, to impress most earnestly upon his majesty's government that it must insist that relations between it and his majesty's government be governed not by a policy of expediency, but by those established rules of international conduct upon which Great Britain in the past has held the United States to account when the latter nation was a belligerent engaged in a struggle for national existence. It is of the highest importance to neutrals not only of the present day, but of the future that the principles of international right be maintained unimpaired."

"This task of championing the integrity of neutral rights, which have received the sanction of the civilized world against the lawless conduct of belligerents out of the bitterness of the great conflict which is now wasting the countries of Europe, the United States unhesitatingly assumes and to the accomplishment of that task it will devote its energies, exercising always that impartiality which from the outbreak of the war it has sought to exercise in its relations with the warring nations."

The note is dated Oct. 21 and acknowledged the notes of the British government dated Jan. 7, Feb. 10, June 22, July 23, July 31, (two), Aug. 13 and a note verbally of the British embassy of Aug. 6, all of which relate to restrictions upon American commerce.

The United States says at the outset that it has delayed answering the notes in the hope that the announced purpose of Great Britain "to exercise their belligerent right with every possible consideration for the interests of neutrals" and of causing "the least possible amount of inconvenience to persons engaged in legitimate trade" would in practice not unjustifiably infringe upon the neutral rights of American citizens.

"It is therefore a matter of regret," says the note, "that this hope has not been realized, but that, on the contrary, interference with American ships and cargoes destined in good faith to

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## DEPICTS HORRORS OF WAR ON ITALIAN FRONT.

The following letter from his brother to Dan Aquino, of this city, gives some idea of the horrors of war as seen on the Italian front line. The letter was written in Italian, and comes through without postages:

War Front, September 11.  
My Dearest Dan:

"This morning I received your letter and was glad to hear that you are in good health. I am feeling fine but this war is a sad to get the best of me. To live on anything, I would have to be a whole tablet, but I have a chance to write to you. When I wrote this I went to the front and got permission to go to the front. And this is what I saw. I am sorry I can't tell you where I am, it is almost the rules for a soldier to live where he is located. If we did we would go to the guard house."

It rains here all the time and we stand in water up to our knees in the trenches. We are sleeping in tents with water under our beds. I trust to God that this war will soon end, for it will stop our last sufferer from trying and suffering about us and we will be free from this horrible life we are now living.

I had to send this letter with a stamp as we can't buy stamps where I am now. I write to mother every day and tell her what I am doing.

Please tell me when you are coming back to stay, after the war, I hope. I wish I were in America with you—the country of great liberty.

Well, Dan, I will have to stop writing. Would like to write more, but the bugle call is calling me to the attention line; it seems that the Austrians are approaching us. I hear the first three shots from our 14 inch gun. G. Brunetti.

Mr. Bryan's opposition to the administration's national preparedness plan as proclaimed by President Wilson at New York last Monday night is causing the Republicans to keep their eyes on the presidency with much hope. They are reasoning the Democratic party is divided and there fore must fall. Mr. Bryan is being accepted as a partner who is not a silent one.

Boyce Hagler, aged 13 years, son of S. A. Hagler, died Friday afternoon, at his home six miles southeast of Fulton, after a lingering illness of heart lesion.

## HEALTH HINT FOR TODAY.

### Avoid Sore Throat.

The simplest and most effective remedy for the common cold, known as "coryza," is to avoid the use of the voice. In many cases, the use of the voice represents inflammation of the vocal cords, which are folds of membrane contained within the larynx. It is the vibration of these cords, set in operation by currents of air passing from the lungs, which produces the voice. A certain amount of pain and swelling is also associated with troubles of the voice box, this pain in many cases being associated with difficulty in swallowing.

Rest of the voice should be strictly observed, while smoking must be strictly prohibited, seeing that the tobacco vapor is an intense irritant of the throat and adjacent parts. If there is much swelling and pain the application of a sponge wrung out of hot water to the front of the throat will afford relief. The patient should remain in a room the temperature of which is even, but not too high a character. The food should consist of liquids, including milk, soups and thin soups and small pieces of ice may be sucked if the irritation is of acute character.

Trigg county was one of the poorest in State, Stanley had six majority and A. B. Holland for Representative beat his Republican opponent for representative only 25 votes. Hamilton lost the county by eight votes.

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## SATURDAY TAG DAY FOR UNITED CHARITIES.

The United Charities, a home organization for the relief and benefit of the needy of our home town and vicinity, will have a "tag day" next Saturday. Buy a tag from them—and pay all you can for it. The organization is trying to get money together for the purpose of having Santa visit the little ones, who, otherwise, he might overlook. Every cent of the money given will be spent to make some little heart glad and those who have suffered misfortune.

Don't fail to wear a tag Saturday.

Both branches of the Kentucky General Assembly will have a majority of Democrats. These Democrats are under pledge to carry out certain reforms. We believe they will do it. There is no need to wait until the close of the session. These measures may be made the subject of debates and started on their journey just as soon as the general assembly meets. Let's have one legislature that will have a reputation of doing things.

Dr. and Mrs. Horace Luten and children, and Mrs. J. F. Royster, of Fulton, motored to Hickman Saturday morning to join Mesdames F. T. Randle and Maggie Randle and they enjoyed an outing at Reelfoot Lake.

## WANT TO KEEP IT AT HOME.

There is a growing sentiment in the State to devise a plan to convert the automobile license of each county to the purpose of improving the roads in the county where the money is collected. Representative Graham, of Meigs county, will introduce a bill to that effect when the general assembly meets, and we hope Sen. Frost and Rep. McMurry will support the measure.

Saturday was a big day in Hickman. In addition to an unusually large crowd from the country, several hundred people were here from the central and eastern parts of the county to attend the school fair. Several times Chief of Police Wright was called upon to open Clinton street which became congested with vehicles, while all nearby streets were filled with teams and wagons. Merchants did a thriving business and "sun of the realm" was more abundant than for several years. Hickman still leads in high prices for seed cotton and this brought people to Hickman from miles in all directions. Saturday was by all odds, banner day.

According to Dr. C. C. Thomas who looks after the gins report for Lake county, 4,835 bales of cotton were ginned up to Oct. 18, 1915, as compared with 8,676 ginned prior to Oct. 18, 1914.